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In re Application of

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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In the Claims:

Claim 21 is amended to read as follows:

21. A system for providing conditioned air to a plurality of locations, said system comprising:

a plurality of data entry devices at each location, each data entry device being operative to provide for the selection of at least one level of comfort;

at least one computer in communication with the plurality of data entry devices, said computer being operative to collect information as to the selections of comfort level entered at the data entry devices and being furthermore operative to determine particular overall levels of comfort for each location from the collected information; and

at least one HVAC control being operative to control the provision of conditioned air to each location in response to the determination of an overall level of comfort for the location.

## **REMARKS**

Claim 21 has been amended so as to now clearly recite a plurality of locations. It previously stated "a plurality of location". Other minor changes bring the claim into conformance with there being a plurality of locations.

A copy of the marked up changes to claim 21 is enclsoedherewith.

Respectfully submitted

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21. A system for providing conditioned air to a plurality of locations, said system comprising:

a plurality of data entry devices at the <u>each</u> location, each data entry device being operative to provide for the selection of at least one level of comfort at the <u>location</u>;

at least one computer in communication with the plurality of data entry devices, said computer being operative to collect information as to the selections of comfort level entered at the data entry devices and being furthermore operative to determine a particular overall levels of comfort for each location from the collected information; and

at least one HVAC control being operative to control the provision of conditioned air to the each location in response to the determination of an overall level of comfort for the location.